



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 736

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Substitute House Bill No. 7111

House of Representatives, May 3, 2007

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. MERRILL of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING ON-LINE LICENSE RENEWAL FOR NURSES,
PHYSICIANS, SURGEONS AND DENTISTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-88 of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (g) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

3 (NEW) (g) On or before June 30, 2009, the Department of Public
4 Health shall establish and implement a secure on-line license renewal
5 system for persons holding a license to practice medicine or surgery
6 under chapter 370, nursing under chapter 378 or dentistry under
7 chapter 379. The department shall allow any such person who renews
8 his or her license using the on-line license renewal system to pay his or
9 her professional service fees on-line by means of a credit card or
10 electronic transfer of funds from a bank or credit union account and
11 may charge such person a service fee for any such on-line payment
12 made by credit card or electronic funds transfer.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	19a-88
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APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Implements the Budget	1,170,000	170,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Funding, in the amount of \$1.17 million in FY 08 and \$0.17 million in FY 09 has been included under the budget of the Department of Public Health within sHB 7077, as favorably reported, to support the costs of implementing an on-line licensure system for physicians, dentists and nurses. This funding will support consultant charges, software license/maintenance costs and DoIT hosting fees.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 7111*****AN ACT CONCERNING ON-LINE LICENSE RENEWAL FOR NURSES, PHYSICIANS, SURGEONS AND DENTISTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to establish, by June 30, 2009, a secure on-line license renewal system for physicians, surgeons, dentists, and nurses. Nurses include advanced practice registered nurses, registered nurses, and licensed practical nurses.

DPH must allow those using the on-line system to pay their fees by credit card or electronic funds transfer (EFT) from a bank or credit union account. The bill allows DPH to charge a service fee for payments made in this manner.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Legislative History***

The House referred the bill (File 370) to the Appropriations Committee, which reported a substitute bill (1) delaying the date for establishing the system from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 and (2) removing the \$5 limit on fees charged for credit card and EFT payments.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 27 Nay 0 (03/21/2007)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 48 Nay 0 (04/19/2007)